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SITUATION REPORT NO. 10

SITUATION AS OF 0500 EDT, 04/09/94

- (LOU) Embassy Kigali is proceeding with an overland evacuation to Burundi. The Embassy plans to order American citizens to gather at three consolidation points in Kigali. UNAMIR plans to escort three convoys to the border April 9, with the first scheduled to depart in the afternoon. UNAMIR has given assurances that the convoys will not be fired on. Ambassador Rawson hopes all Americans will depart Kigali today or tomorrow. The American community strongly preferred an overland evacuation, as it feared an airlift would be vulnerable to being shot down as was the President's plane. (Task Force/Embassy Kigali telcon)

- (LOU) Indian, Kenyan, Tanzanian, World Bank, and German evacuees may join the U.S. overland convoy. The Belgians and French apparently still intend an airlift. (Task Force/Embassy Kigali and Embassy Dar es Salaam telcons)

- (LOU) Charge Lange secured GOB approval to use Bujumbura as an evacuation staging area after meeting with the army chief of staff, the acting President and members of his cabinet April 9, overcoming the military's suspicion of the troop arrival. The Government of Kenya has also given blanket clearance to conduct evacuation operations from Kenya. (Task Force/Embassy Bujumbura telcon; KUSLO Nairobi 090449Z APR 94)

- (LOU) Planning for the authorized departure of Bujumbura proceeds, with groups of 3-4 people leaving via commercial air in the next week. (Task Force/Embassy Bujumbura telcon)

- (LOU) New Rwandan President Sindikubwabo issued a communique announcing his intention to form a "transitional government" with three tasks: establish order; pursue contact with the RPF to form a broad-based government within the UN-prescribed time frame (six weeks); and decide how to resolve the questions of famine and the return home of displaced persons. (Task Force/Embassy Kigali telcon)

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